A RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM VERNON JACKSON

Whereas the American Library Association (ALA) and the broader library community lost a valued member and educator on May 16, 2015, with the death of William Vernon Jackson;

Whereas Dr. Jackson, a Latin American studies scholar and library science educator, had long specialized in library development in Latin America, as well as in Latin American collections in the United States;

Whereas Professor Jackson lectured on philanthropy, higher education, libraries, cultural affairs and taught seminars on international librarianship, resources of American research libraries and the great libraries of the world and their collections, and provided years of editorial oversight for the journal World Libraries; and

Whereas Dr. Jackson’s kind wisdom complimented his status as a great librarian, an even greater scholar and teacher, and a first-rate human being. In the words of his doctoral institution—“he was an example of Veritas except when he would slightly shape his words to avoid giving hurt”, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

(1) honors the memory of William Vernon Jackson, celebrates his many contributions to library science education and international librarianship and

(2) extends its sincerest condolences to his family and his many friends and colleagues at the University of Pittsburgh, Vanderbilt University, the University of Texas at Austin, and Dominican University.

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